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MEN AND MICE

The need for vigorous thinkers and men of positive convictions is painfully emphasized in the present troubled condition of the political, economic, and religious world. There is so much superficialism and sentimental gush, so much cant, slipshod opinions and misnamed "independence." A new theory attracts and dazzles. A demagogue bamboozles and leads astray. The false prophet in politics, economics and religion mounts the saddle and boosts things.

The times demand brave leaders. It is the positive man who acts and achieves. It is the man of rock-founded opinions who elevates and advances his fellows. Dessert is pleasant but it does not build up. It is not good as an exclusive diet. Something more substantial is needed, with here and there iron for the blood. Aggressive virtue is required. And what is true of individuals is true in larger sense of newspapers.

Strong convictions do not imply lack of toleration. The existence of a splendid spinal column does not preclude the possession of a big heart. We may think deeply, earnestly and hold fixed views and yet not wish to burn at the stake those who disagree with us and to ostracize those of contrary beliefs. Frequently it is the loose thinker and pretended liberalist who is intolerant bigoted. Vehement proselyting or bitter denunciations of those who see the truth through other spectacles is not essential to prove possession of positive convictions or of backbone.

Generally the most noisy can give least reason for their belief and the most strenuous assertion is often no more stable than a weathercock, yet he who believes with all the energy of heart and mind and soul is ready when occasion demands to proclaim with no uncertain sound the truth as he sees it. He does not fear the charge of partisanship or illiberality.

Reforms are wrought by men who have the courage of their convictions. The dishwasher fellows flocking after every new theory that comes along in dazzling dress accomplish nothing. Men, however, with backbone and brains are the rulers of the universe and do its work.

TO HAVE NON-PARTISAN BALLOT?

St. Louis May Remove All Party Designations From Primaries.

By United Press.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 11.—Whether St. Louis' municipal elections shall continue under the present partisan political systems will be decided by the voters when they cast their ballots in the general elections in November.

Mayor Kiel recently signed a bill passed by the Board of Aldermen, St. Louis' legislative body, giving voters a chance to decide a clause to the city charter, which would eliminate all party designations from the primary ballot. Thus a citizen could cast a mixed ballot, which is not possible under the present primary system under which a straight party ballot must be cast.

The new system provides also for the election of three municipal officers, elected by the city at large—the Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board of Aldermen.

ALLIES' LOSS IS A MILLION

Germans Say This Is Conservative Estimate of Loss in Offensive.

By United Press.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The Allies have lost more than 1,000,000 men in killed, wounded and missing since the grand offensive against the Central Powers opened with a Russian attack three months ago.

This estimate was made today by German military experts, who said they thought it conservative.

Against these losses the Allied armies have only the conquest of Bukovina and some Galician territory by the Russians, the capture of Goritz by

the Italians, a shallow thrust into the German lines on the Somme and the occupation of the mountainous Transylvanian territory by the Rumanians as positive military achievements.

The armies of the Central Powers kept moving their lines intact everywhere under tremendous pressure, and at the same time struck back with successful blows in the Balkans.

The Bulgarians advanced on both flanks to positions menacing the Allies in Greece. German and Bulgarian forces struck a severe blow against the Rumanians by occupying Tutrakan fortress, one of the bridge-head positions defending Bucharest.

The loss of the Allies is estimated as follows: Russians 600,000; British 230,000; French 150,000; Italians; Serbians, and Rumanians 50,000.

TOMMY ATKINS, A WOMAN

Unhappy Wife "Marries" Another Woman While Masquerading as a Man.

By HAL O'FLAHERTY

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(By Mail).—Called to the colors as a man, a woman who had masqueraded in male attire and pretended to be married to another woman so her husband could not find her, was forced to acknowledge her sex before the army medical board today.

Unhappy married six years ago and her two babies dead, this woman left her husband and, so she could get work, masqueraded as a man and "married" her boarding house keeper's daughter.

The circumstances of the "marriage" were astounding. Having a real man sweetheart who had betrayed and deserted her, the landlady's daughter faced real trouble. She told the man-woman, who had confessed the disguise to her and her mother. So they were "married" and took a cottage in London. When the baby was born none of the neighbors suspected but that the "husband" was its father.

The "family" lived this way for four years and had it not been for the Conscription Act, the ruse might never have been discovered. Her plea for exemption from service on the ground of "indispensability" having failed and, facing a medical examination by the officials, she confessed.

SPORT NEWS and COMMENT

Yale is trying to check the steady downfall of their football teams in the past few years by getting some Western methods. Stagg of Chicago is going to help the Eli coaches until the Western Conference season opens on Sept. 20.

Roger Hornsby, the Cardinal phenom, seems on the way to realize his ambition to lead National League swatsmiths during his first season as a major leaguer.

West Shows Well In A. A. U. Championship.

Although an Eastern organization, the Irish-American A. C. of New York, won the A. A. U. meet at Newark Saturday, Western athletes did by far the best work of the meet. Excluding the three-mile walk, won by a Canadian, men from west of the Alleghenies won twelve of the eighteen events. Also five of the six new senior records were made by the Westerners, and three of these five were men from West of the Mississippi.

All three hurdle events were won by Westerners and in every one a

low senior record was established. Simpson's mark of 14 4-5 seconds in the high hurdles is slower by a fifth of a second than his best mark made in the Missouri Valley conference last May. Because of Bob's work at Newark this world's record of 14 3-5 seconds will probably be officially sanctioned by the A. A. U. officials within the next few days.

Murray's time of 24 seconds in the low hurdles is also slower than Simpson's world's mark of 23 3-5 seconds made last spring. Hummel of Portland, Ore., made the 440-yard 3-foot hurdle race in 54 4-5 seconds, lowering the former record by about 4 seconds.

Don Scott, a Mississippi man who also won the event at the 1916 Western Conference meet, lowered the half-mile record, while Mucks, the Wisconsin weight man, another Western Conference winner, broke the senior discus record. The only Easterner to establish a new mark was Bronder of the I. A. A. C. in the javelin throw.

Connie Mack has the best pair of right-handers in the American League, as shown by the figures for low-hit games. Bush has held his opponents to five hits or less eleven times this season, while young Myers has nine such games to his credit. Bush also twirled a no-hit, no-run game.

College Men Predominate Among Point Winners.

Another sidelight on the meet is the large number of college men among the point-winners. Ten of the eighteen events were won by college men—eight of these being Westerners—while many of the other places were taken by college athletes.

Simpson, Murray, Mucks, Scott, Ward, Myers, Worthington, and Oler were the college men who won, while Richards, Kelly, Thomson, Scudder, Overton, Higgins were among the point-winners.

The victory of Myers in the mile

run is of especial interest to followers of Tiger teams. The former De Pauw athlete is a protégé of J. P. Nicholson, former M. U. hurdler, and was the sensation of the 1915 Western Conference meet.

Negotiations for a football game between Yale and a Pacific coast university team are doomed to failure, according to New Haven reports.

No More Feds; Blame It on the War.

Championship series between the pennant winners in the different classifications of minor leagues is a proposal that will probably be taken up definitely at the next meeting of the National Association. Interest in the minors has dragged again this season and, with no Federal League to lay it to, the club-owners are beginning to realize that something must be done to revive interest. Suggestions of various kinds for carrying out this idea have been made and they will probably be seriously considered by the baseball powers this winter.

Poe Field at Princeton has been named in honor of Johnay Poe, former Princeton football star, who was killed while fighting for the Allies in.



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HOG RECEIPTS—6,500. Market 10 cents lower. Mixed and butchers \$10.75@11.35; good and heavy \$11.25@11.35; rough \$9.65@10; light \$10.70@11.35; pigs \$7@10.25; bulk \$10.75@11.30.

SHEEP RECEIPTS—2,000. Market steady. Slighter ewes \$5@7.25; breeding ewes \$9@10; yearlings \$6@9.50; lambs \$9@10.70.

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